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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants for frequent and chronic coastal flooding mitigation and adaptation infrastructure projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CURBELO of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flood Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FREQUENT AND CHRONIC COASTAL FLOODING**
2 **MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION INFRASTRUC-**
3 **TURE PROJECTS.**

4 The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16
5 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) is amended by redesignating sections
6 318 and 319 as section 320 and 321, and by inserting
7 after section 317 the following:

8 **“SEC. 318. FREQUENT AND CHRONIC COASTAL FLOODING**
9 **MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION INFRASTRUC-**
10 **TURE PROJECTS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants
12 to State and local governments for federally recognized In-
13 dian Tribes for frequent and chronic coastal flooding miti-
14 gation and adaptation infrastructure projects.

15 “(b) AUTHORIZED USES.—Amounts provide as a
16 grant under this section may be used for any of the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(1) Adaptation of existing infrastructure, in-
19 cluding enhancements to both built and natural envi-
20 ronments.

21 “(2) Maintenance and updating of existing fre-
22 quent and chronic coastal flood risk reduction infra-
23 structure, such as gravity drainage structures, road
24 elevation, bulkheads, gates, and floodwalls.

25 “(3) Increasing waterfront resilience to fre-
26 quent and chronic coastal flooding, including cre-

1 ation of bulkheads, dune enhancement, beach re-
2 nourishment, and levees.

3 “(4) Improvements to diversion, removal, and
4 storage infrastructure to reduce risks caused by fre-
5 quent and chronic coastal flooding.

6 “(5) Innovative methods to reduce risks caused
7 by chronic flooding along street infrastructure sys-
8 tems, including canal streets, absorbent streets,
9 floodable parks, and underground cisterns.

10 “(c) LIMITATION ON PROJECT ELIGIBILITY.—A
11 project shall not be eligible for funding under this section
12 if it will have any long-term negative impact on important
13 ecological functions and habitat or existing natural coastal
14 protection features and functions.

15 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this section
16 the Secretary shall give priority to the following:

17 “(1) Protecting areas the elevation of which is
18 not greater than 10 feet above mean low tide.

19 “(2) Protecting critical infrastructure, as that
20 term is defined in Homeland Security Presidential
21 Directive 7 as issued December 17, 2003.

22 “(e) JOINT APPLICATION.—Two or more contiguous
23 local governments or Tribes may jointly apply for, and re-
24 ceive, a grant under this section.

25 “(f) COST SHARING.—

1 “(1) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL SHARE.—The
2 Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out
3 with a grant under this section shall not exceed 90
4 percent of the cost of such activity.

5 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The Secretary
6 shall apply to the non-Federal share of an activity
7 carried out with a grant under this section the
8 amount of funds, and the fair market value of prop-
9 erty and services, provided by non-Federal sources
10 and used for the activity.

11 “(g) REPORTS.—Each recipient of a grant under this
12 section shall report annually to the Secretary on progress
13 made on the project carried out with the grant.

14 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
15 carry out this section there is authorized to be appro-
16 priated to the Secretary \$3,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
17 years 2018 through 2024.”.